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Claim Amendments

Please amend claims 1, 7 and 11 as follows:

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BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Listing of Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base, said knife ring vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

a plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanisms operably engaging said base of said knife ring for placing said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the substrate.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinders.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said knife ring

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has a width of about 290 mm.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein said plurality of independently-actuated automatic vertical adjustment mechanisms comprise a plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinders.

5. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said plurality of fluid-actuated ring actuating cylinders is actuated by pneumatic pressure.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

9. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (currently amended) An apparatus for dispensing a liquid onto a substrate, comprising:

a support for receiving the substrate;

a dispensing head for dispensing the liquid onto the

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substrate;

a knife ring having a base and a tapered edge extending from said base, said knife ring vertically adjustably mounted beneath said support; and

a pair of independently-actuated hydraulic-powered ring actuating cylinders operably engaging said base of said knife ring in generally diametrically-opposed relationship to each other for placing said knife ring at selected vertical positions beneath the substrate.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said knife ring has a width of about 290 mm.

13. - 20. (Canceled)

Remarks